

I support RM-10869 by Ronald D. Lowrance (K4SX) requesting the FCC to retain the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for General class applicants and to raise the Morse requirement to 13 WPM for Amateur Extra class applicants. Since 5 WPM is not an operational speed, it makes sense to require a higher rate for the highest of the three license classes. I was unhappy with the wholesale reductions in Morse Code speed requirements made during license restructuring several years ago, and proposal RM-10869 represents a wise and reasonable compromise. This will insure that this important emergency communication mode remains important in the amateur radio community.